

## Indian Chieftain.

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Every day is ready for attention.

Do you know the numbers of your land?

A woman wrote in Kansas because a mountain in the Territory.

That is, in self importance; in fact they are still the same.

Cherokee will be advised from attention in outside matters at the present, they have important business of their own to attend.

From all indications when the land office closes here, practically every allotment except those of the full-blood element will have been filed on.

The Cherokee council bill providing for the sale of the buildings at Fort Gibson was approved and the old Fort will be sold in the highest bidder.

The political demagogues at Washington seem to be greatly agitated as to the probable completion of the Indian Territory if self government is granted.

There are a number of citizens who will need money to improve their allotments. A speedy per capita distribution of the tribal funds will save a lot of borrowing.

A New York politician cried because he was defeated in his party convention, but his prospective constituents are strengthened in their belief in Presidential intervention.

Many are asking how long it will take the townsite appraisers to complete their work in Vinita. No one can answer that question at present, but it will doubtless take six months, or longer.

The Dawes Commission is leaving nothing undone to protect the Cherokee in their property rights. The policy of the commission is to see that no one not entitled shall share in the final disposition of the land.

If President Roosevelt had strangled a piece of rusty bacon on that "bile" and attempted to mount the tariff broncho it would have saved the sagging of four doctors to cover a political "lay down."

The fact has already developed that a large per cent of Cherokee citizens are not in possession of land enough for their allotments. It is almost incredible that whole families are without a foot of land in a country where land is, and has been, absolutely free.

The esteemed Capital says that the Chieftain hates politicians. That were impossible, as the Chieftain is a local paper and one of the species has never been discovered in this neighborhood. It is the spurious article which is indigestible to the Chieftain's entertainment a wholesome contempt for.

The fact has developed beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the grading of the lands of the Cherokee country has been very imperfectly done. The grades are not uniform. For instance the 4b grade is made to cover land from the finest black prairie to the poorest sandy, or alkali land. Lucky is the citizen who is fortunate enough to get good land at so low a grade as to give him a large quantity.

The townsite commission in the Cherokee country will find more difficulty in the work before them than was encountered in any of the other tribes. There is a greater diversity in the classification of lots to be appraised and more different kinds of citizens to share in them than in any of the other nations. The commission will find it is laid upon good authority that at least nine months completing the work at Vinita, and the whole nation will occupy two years or more.

Our merchants are complaining of the general prevalence of shoplifting. Articles are missed in some of the stores almost daily, and the quantity cannot be estimated. Some extraordinary steps should be taken to apprehend and punish or drive from the town the gang of mendicants who are ready to steal anything that is loose. Churches, stores and gardens have been pillaged since this post has been in existence in the history of the town, and hence are torn from before and turned by the hands of children and the hands of adults. Some vigorous measures should be taken to drive these thieves from this place, where the police and the honest, will have a wholesome effect.

Just the month until Cherokee citizens begin filing on their allotments.

It's a sorry story that don't see something done for the advancement of Vinita.

There are tening up the sidewalks and carrying them away in the wicked town of Muskogee.

The people of Chickasaw County cannot find out where the land office is located by reading the Chickasaw papers.

Ratification of the Cherokee and Chickasaw nations show that the supplemental treaty was ratified by a large majority.

Those who wish to file on their allotments will find a land office at Aldrich cottage from the first of January until the first of May, 1903.

The Court of Appeals at South McAlester reversed the Fred Kelley case and remanded it for trial to the court of the northern district.

With the development of the mineral resources of the Cherokee Nation there are sure to be a number of good mining towns over in the hill country.

The immense interests of the Indian Territory are too large for a single delegate to properly look after in Washington. Statehood alone will insure adequate representation.

It is said that Chairman Bixby of the Dawes Commission is authorized for the statement that where the grade of land can be shown to be palpably wrong, it will be reduced.

The penitentiaries of the country are full of those who have looted estates. In the Cherokee Nation some of the same criminal species are mentioned as possible candidates for the office of chief executive of the Nation.

The present would be an excellent time for the railroads to join in building Vinita a decent union station. By the time it can now be built the prospect is that it will be needed—is already needed, and that badly.

Now that the land office contest is decided, Vinita will prove the wisdom of the selection by taking care of the immense crowd which will be present at the opening of the office as no other town in the Cherokee nation could.

Men do not catch fish by staying at home and looking out upon the water. Merchants who seek to catch trade must get out and hustle for it. Advertising enables them to enter all homes and have a fair hearing wherever they go.—Printers' Ink.

If the townsite commission wishes to make a record for itself for doing things it will buckle in and complete Vinita by the first of the coming year. There are other good towns waiting impatiently for their turn. The record made in the Creek Nation should be broken at any rate.

When the land office opens Vinita will be called upon to care for the largest crowd of visitors to her history, and the Dawes Commission considered that feature before naming this city. There is not another town in the Cherokee nation which would be equal to the task.

Some measure should be taken by the city council at once to provide a building where the fire apparatus can be kept. For several weeks the engine and hose cart have been exposed to the weather, and unless some action is taken immediately they will be seriously damaged.

There is a large section of the country which is awakening to the fact that the Indian Territory is something else than the abiding place of outlaws and blanket Indians, as they have been led to believe by press dispatches. As a consequence a tide of immigrants of a desirable class is pouring into this garden spot of the Union.

The editor of the Tahlequah Herald has added mendacity to his other accomplishments. The editor of the CHIEFTAIN was not in Tahlequah any time during the consideration of the infamous negro compromise, and the charges that he was connected with that scheme of robbery are absolutely, totally and merely false.

There is one newspaper published in the Cherokee nation every issue of which contains slang profanity and vulgarity. The printed sheet that is destined to go into the homes of the people should be printed that could not be read aloud in the front house in the hearing of women and children.

Keep water! Keep out of land, and on through the State City.

Two Round Oak Stumps at Francis.

231 prospective land holdings must be disposed of before November 7, 1903.

There are a number of interested whites who are now very sorry that they ever "wandered from their own friends."

The stoppage of the issuance of any interest bearing warrants after today will correct a serious leak in the national treasury.

The Indian Territory is the garden spot of the Union, and the Cherokee Nation is the garden spot of the Territory.

Many Cherokee citizens are visiting Muskogee these days, some to obtain the grades of their land and others to ascertain their status on the rolls.

A sentiment which has survived decades upon decades of the most outrageous dishonesty, such as exists today in regard to tribal government is indeed deep rooted.

There are a number of allottees who never knew what good land they had until they received their grades. Even now some are skeptical about those granite rocks being "black prairie."

A great deal of dissatisfaction is manifested in some quarters at the lack of uniformity in the grades of the land. It is very sure now that the work does not bear the impress of the expert land grader.

Russell A. Alger, of embalmers, has been appointed to succeed the late Senator McMillan. This should encourage the hostile Moro chiefs to continue killing off American soldiers, as they will not doubt receive the same reward as their erstwhile co-laborers, Alger and Egan.

Those who get the idea that all the lands east of the river are poor and hilly are very badly mistaken. Much of the best land and many of the most desirable locations are in that section. The rich table lands in the timber are especially valuable for fruit, besides there are large areas of fine farming land. In the mountainous portions where the land is not tillable there is an abundance of fine hard wood timber.

It is to be regretted that a large number of children in the primary department of the public school can only be given a half day in the school. The buildings now in use will not seat the pupils in attendance, and the primary rooms are so crowded that a portion must be taught in the forenoon and the rest in the afternoon. As soon as there is funds enough available the board will take pleasure in providing more teachers and more room.

The next legislative step to be taken by the Cherokee Nation should be provision for paying out per capita the entire invested and other funds belonging to them. They are now in a position to save the expenses of government and there is no need to keep two or three million dollars deposited with the government at five per cent interest. After the sale of townsites all the money should be paid to the Cherokee people without unnecessary delay.

PASSING OF A NATION.

The establishment of a land office in Vinita on January 1, 1903, for the purpose of filing on allotments by Cherokee citizens will mark a new epoch in the history of the Cherokee people, and will be the beginning of a mighty transformation in this country of wonderful undeveloped resources.

The destiny of the Cherokee with reference to land holdings has been plainly discernable for many years, and the trend of events has been toward the inevitable breaking up of tribal government.

The system of holding land in common is a relic of the past, and entirely impracticable in this busy age. The old Indian idea was that the land should be held in water, timber, and air—absolutely free. The tide of civilization has been moving westward for more than a century, sweeping primitive customs out of the way, and the Indian has been a marked race from the beginning.

There is a tinge of sadness down deep in the heart of every Cherokee that their tribal sun is soon to set to never rise again, and that their nationality is to be lost by absorption into a dominant race. The Cherokee are a sentimental people, clinging tenaciously to tradition and folklore handed down from generation to generation, and they reluctantly give up their name and nation.

MOTHERS.

Woe would keep their children in good health, should watch for the first symptoms of worms, and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the simplest but most effective medicine at work so that their food does them good, and they grow up healthy and strong. See at Pharmacy Store.

Two Round Oak Stumps at Francis.

## RICH RESOURCES

Of the Cherokee Nation That Promise the Production of Great Results.

## MINERAL DEPOSITS

Which Have Never Been Developed Are Found in Many Places, and There is a Large Acreage of Valuable Timber.

Now that allotment is assured the value of the mineral, oil and other undeveloped resources of the Cherokee Nation will soon be known.

That deposits of the base metal exist in many sections of the Nation has long been known, but their extent and value is an unknown quantity. There is little doubt but that a number will develop into paying properties.

A number of prospectors have secured the hill country and have located outcroppings and flat containing lead and zinc, with traces of silver, and in some instances have sunk shafts in the main body of the ore. What success has attended their efforts they alone know.

The oil fields are past the experimental state, and have proven to be paying propositions, although owing to their being leased their true value has never been ascertained.

The large deposits of coal have only been surface mined and offer a rich field for development.

The protection of the timber in the Nation has left large tracts of pine and the hardwoods practically untouched and their value is increasing daily. With the establishment of lumber mills, they will bring immense returns to their owners.

In connection with the approaching era of development, attention is attracted to the magnificent waterways which traverse the Nation. Thousands of horse power are tumbling to waste every day, which if harnessed by hydro electric plants or used as direct power will furnish power for a score of manufacturing towns.

These auxiliary resources of the vast acreage of agricultural lands, promise within a few years to make this one of the greatest wealth producing sections of the Union.

## SIG. MAJORITY.

For Ratification in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Complete returns from the entire Chickasaw nation, and from all but Jackson, Wall and Red River counties in the Choctaw nation, give the supplemental treaty a majority of 1,427. The counties not heard from are for ratification, so the majority will be more than 1,600. In a few days a meeting will be held at Atoka and the returns canvassed. The treaty opponents threaten to contest the election at that time, asserting that a misconstruction of the treaty was made and freedmen allowed to vote when a paragraph of the agreement disqualified freedmen. No trouble is anticipated. The rumors that the anti-treaty supporters or Hunter men will contest the seating of Governor-elect Green McCurtain when the legislature meets next Monday is hardly probable, and no violence is expected.

## APPRAISEMENT WORK.

Townsite Commission Hastily Engaged Arranging Preliminaries.

The townsite commission has organized for the work of appraising town lots and is busily engaged in arranging all preliminaries.

The appraising will commence the latter part of the week.

## ROAD WASHED OUT.

Cloudburst Delays All North Bound Katy Trains.

The north bound Katy due here at 1:02 a.m. came in Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, having been delayed by a cloudburst on the Texas division which washed out the road bed.

All trains on the division were delayed several hours by the storm and traffic was practically at a standstill.

Bronchitis for Twenty Years.

Mr. Wm. South of Danville, Ill. writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar, which is a sure cure." Contains no opiates. Sold by People's drug store. dw

Hervey's Laxative.

F. A. Eling, Lorain, Cal.—Martin Henry, Chicago.

Charles L. Connel—Hattie N. Little, Danville.

Wm. Taylor—Nelle Polston, Vinita.

Levi Street—Sarah McNary, Cheterville.

A. L. Brown—Hattie Armstrong, Cheterville.

## Shoes For Fall!



### Dress Shoes.

For fine wear. Something swell and snappy to set off the new fall clothes up to to the minute, in style, and combining beauty and fit with service and satisfaction. All the choicest novelties are on our shelves in lavish array, in all the nobby leathers and patterns. Come in and see for yourself what a bargain we can offer.

### Work Shoes.

Heavy wearers for farm work that will stand the strain of hard work. Rattling good shoes for little money, made of the best full stock, put together for keeps. Backed up by our reputation and Peters Shoe Co.

Whatever you need, men's, women's or children's, its here waiting for you. We have the biggest stock of shoes ever brought to Vinita. We want to show you just what we can offer you in good footwear for so little money that will surprise you.

## Jumbo Store

### Natural Anxiety.

Mothers regard approaching winter with uneasiness, children take cold so easily. No disease costs more little lives than croup. It's attack is so sudden that the sufferer is often beyond human aid before the doctor arrives. Such cases yield readily to One Minute Cough Cure. It cures the nucleus, calms inflammation, removes danger. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Cures coughs, colds, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung trouble. F. R. McMahon, Hampton, Ga.: "A bad cold rendered me voiceless last before an oratorical contest. I intended to withdraw but took One Minute Cough Cure. It restored my voice in time to win the medal." A. W. Foreman. dw

### Cherokee Crop Condition.

Over the northern portion continued rains and cooler weather prevailed; wheat seeding has been nearly stopped by the rain, and not much has been done; corn being gathered, and yield below expectation; some rye has been sown and is up, and looking well; grass is good and stock is doing well; cotton yielding well. Over the middle portion rains and cooler weather prevailed during the week; cotton condition ranges from good to poor over the different localities, considerable damage from heavy rains, and development of bolls stopped by coolness; ground in good condition, and wheat seeding in slow progress, early sown up and looking well; corn gathering in slow progress; stock doing well. Over the southern portion rains and continued cool weather prevailed; cotton picking quite slow progress, but is well advanced, rye caused growth and bloom that will not develop; wheat plowing continued, but ground too wet to seed; corn yield light; cane yield fair, and molasses making in progress; range revived and doing well; late potatoes doing well; turnips a fair yield.

### Out of Death's Jaws.

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble, that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Mose, Durham, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c at People's and A. W. Foreman's drug stores. dw

### Mission At Catholic Church.

A week's Jesuit mission will commence at the Catholic church Sunday Oct. 5th at 10:30 a. m. The mission will be conducted by Rev. C. A. Byrne of St. Louis University.

### FLURRY IN STOCKS.

Threatens to Affect the Sale of School Bonds.

Mayor L. F. Parker, Jr., returned from St. Louis Tuesday, and reports that the money market is in such a panicky state that the disposal of the recently voted school bonds will be a difficult matter there at present.

While the present condition of the money market is not expected to last long, the end is not yet in sight and when it will assume a normal condition is problematical.

No danger of consumption if you use Foley's Honey and Tar to cure that stubborn cough. Sold by People's drug store. dw

## Best in Town!

That is what trade says of our Ladies' Coats, Suits and Furs. Have you seen them yet? If not we cordially invite you to visit our store. If you have, take another look. We are proud of these lines and we are proud to show them.

The "Monte Carlo"—we think the handsomest outer garment for ladies that has been shown in years. Our line of "Monte Carlo" is superior to anything shown in this city. It is easy to distinguish the "Printress" Monte Carlo from those sold by other stores. The "Printress" garments have a more stylish look and set better on the figure than any other make known to us. Our line of 27 inch and 45 inch coats for ladies and misses have the same distinct characteristics, to be found only in "Printress" garments. This week we are offering some rare values in Suits and Wraps, Monte Carlos, 45 inch Coats, 27 inch Jack ets. Nobby suits 8.00, 10.00, 12.00, 15.00 up to 25.00.

Furs that are Furs. We are showing a very choice selection of furs this week in both scarfs and muffs—pieces or set:

Brook Mink.....	\$2.25
French Coney.....	3.50
Sable Fox.....	4.50
River Mink, extra long, 4 tabs at.....	4.50
Alaska Sable at.....	6.00
Stone Martin at.....	8.00
Isabella Fox, very fine.....	10.00

Muff to match 2.50 to 7.50.

Ask to see our furs.

## Badgett-Sanders Merc. Co.